Performance of ONGC

298. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: "Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public, relation exercises of ONGC during the last fixe years have actually hidden its non-performance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no oil well except Bombay High has actually been commercially viable; and

(c) what steps Government contemplate ia making the Oil and Natural Gag Commission accountable in regard to its performance in view of the *huge* investments involved?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURU-PADASWAMY); (a) No, Sir. The pro. duction of crude oil increased to 31.383 MT in 1989-90 against 27.514 MT in 1985-86. There has been more than two-fold increase in the production of LPG. The production of LPG during 1989-90 was 717620 tonnes against 320820 tonnes during 1985-86. The growth of gas supplies was two and a half times, reaching a level of 8621. 86 Million Cubic Metres in 1989-90 against 33-4.23 million cubic metres in 1985-86.

(lb) No, Sir. Oil and Natural Gas Commission discovered commercially exploitable oil and gas at a number of places *in* Bombay Off-shore, Cambay. Assam. Nagaland, Tripura. Krishna-Godavari and Cauvery Basins.

(c) The activities of Oil and Natural Gas Commission are governed bv ONGC Act. 1959, which, *inter-alia* prescribes auditing of its accounts by the Conotroller and Auditor General of India every year and laving of the Audit Report before each House *of* Parliament In addition, a 'Memorandum of Understanding is signed with the Commission every year which specifies the targets to be achieved by ONGC for that year. The performance of the Commission is also monitored through periodical reports, returns and performance review meetings.

Waiting list for gas connections in Andhra Pradesh

299. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the existing waiting list for gas connections in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of gas connections expected to be allotted in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1990-91; and

(c) what measures have been taken to expedite the clearance of backlog?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): ((a) As on February 1, 1990 there were approximately 1.87 lakh person$_s$ on the waiting list for release of new LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) New LPG connections are released all over the country, in a phased manner, under the annual programme for enrolment of customers, subiect to availability of LPG. The availability is augmented through increased proluction and imports.

बिहार के नवी नगर में ताप विद्युत केन्द्र की स्थापना

300. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार के नवी नगर नामक स्थान में कोई ताप विद्युत केन्द्र का निर्माण किये जाने की कोई योजना है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ; और

(ग) यदि अभी तक कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री साथ में नागर विमानन मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री आरिफ मोहम्मद खान) : (क) व (ग) बिहार राज्य बिजली बोर्ड ने 1404 करोड रुपये की अनुमानित लागत से बिहार के औरंगाबाद जिले में नबी नगर रोड रेलवे स्टेशन के पास बारूद ताप विद्युत केन्द्र (2×500 मे० वा०) चरण-I की स्थापना हेतु एक व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की थी । इस स्कीम को नवीं योजना तक की क्षमता अभिवृद्धि कार्यक्रम सम्बन्धी आयोजना में शामिल नहीं किया गया है । और केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण द्वारा इस पर फिलहाल कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की जा रही है लेकिन उपलब्ध विकल्पों को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस पर उपयुक्त समय पर विचार किया जा सकता है ।

Conversion of Homoeopathic Units into full-fledged Dispensaries

301. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to convert the existing CGHS Homoeopathic Units in the country into full-fledged dispensaries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAS-HEED MASOOD); No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Criteria for allotment of agencies for Maruti vehicles

302. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have laid down any criteria for alloting agencies for Maruti vehicles; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The Government have not laid down any criteria in this regard for Maruti Udyog Ltd.

(b) Does not arise.

Demands made by non-Gazetted Employees of CGHS

303. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPA-TRA; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 95 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what action Government have so far taken to fulfil the demands of the staff on the basis of the discussions held with the representatives of CGHS Employees Association; and

(b) what is the total number of non-gazetted staff working in different dispensaries and hospitals under the Central Government Health Scheme at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAS-HEED MASOOD): (a) A Memorandum of Settlement has been entered into with All India CGHS Employees Association (Recognised) on 23-3-1990. A copy of the Memorandum of Settlement is enclosed *(See* below). Proposals for implementing the settlement contained in paras 1(b) and 1(c) of the Memorandum of Settlement are being processed expeditiously. In regard to para 1(a) of the Memorandum of Settlement necessary action will be taken by Department of Personnel and Training (JCM).

(b) The total number of Group 'B' and 'C' non-gazetted employees work-